

REMARKS

In the final Office Action, the Examiner rejected claims 15-17 under 35 U.S.C. § 112, second paragraph, and provisionally rejected claims 15-17 under the judicially created doctrine of obviousness-type double patenting as unpatentable over claims 15-17 of copending Application No. 10/697,260.

Applicants submitted an Amendment after Final on October 14, 2005, proposing claim amendments to overcome the rejection of claims 15-17 under 35 U.S.C. § 112, second paragraph. In an Advisory Action of October 28, 2005, the Examiner maintained the obviousness-type double patenting rejection of claims 15-17 and the rejection of claims 15-17 under 35 U.S.C. § 112, second paragraph. The Examiner also indicated in the Advisory Action that the Amendment After Final would be entered for purposes of appeal.

By this Supplemental Amendment, Applicants propose to amend claims 15-17 as in the Amendment After Final filed on October 14, 2005, and to further amend claim 15 to recite "a dropping start position on the substrate" and "a dropping end position on the substrate." Accordingly, the amendments to claim 15-17 proposed in the Amendment After Final are indicated in the above claim listing in addition to the further amendment to claim 15. Upon entry of this Supplemental Amendment, claims 11-13 and 15-24 will be pending in the above-captioned patent application, of which claims 15-17 are presented for examination.

During a telephonic interview with the undersigned on December 19, 2005, the Examiner indicated that the above-noted amendments to claims 15-17 including the

further amendment to claim 15 would likely be entered. In addition, the Examiner indicated that claims 15-17, as amended, comply with 35 U.S.C. § 112, second paragraph.

Moreover, although Applicants respectfully traverse the Examiner's double patenting rejection, Applicants submit herewith a Terminal Disclaimer. Applicants therefore request that the double patenting rejection be withdrawn.

In view of the foregoing, Applicants respectfully request entry of this Supplemental Amendment, as well as the Terminal Disclaimer, and a timely allowance of the pending claims.

If any extension of time under 37 C.F.R. § 1.136 is required to obtain entry of this response, and not requested by attachment, such extension is hereby requested. If there are any fees due under 37 C.F.R. § 1.16 or 1.17 that are not enclosed, including any fees required for an extension of time under 37 C.F.R. § 1.136, please charge those fees to our Deposit Account No. 06-0916.

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